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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : AVEQUIN et al.  
Appl. No. : 10/691,531  
Filed : October 24, 2003  
Title : MANIFOLD WITH INTEGRATED PIPE FOR A HEAT  
EXCHANGER  
Group Art Unit : 3743  
Examiner : PATEL, N.  
Docket No. : 01200.659

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**LETTER TO EXAMINER AFTER ALLOWANCE**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 7, 2005

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Sir:

The Examiner is thanked for the Notice of Allowance dated December 1, 2005.

However, the Notice of Allowability does not acknowledge receipt of French priority application no. FR 00 02327 filed February 24, 2000.

We note that as indicated on the Continuation Application Transmittal filed October 24, 2003 (attached hereto), the subject application is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/791,644 filed February 26, 2001 which claims the benefit to French Patent Application No. FR 00 02327 filed February 24, 2000. Therefore, a certified copy of FR 00 02327 was filed in parent application No. 09/791,644 on February 26, 2001. A copy of the postcard receipt is attached hereto.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that acknowledgement is made of French priority application no. FR 00 02327 and forwarded to Applicants' representative.


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In re Avequin et al.

Reply to Final Office Action of Oct. 5, 2005

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this matter, he may contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

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1 pg Patent Appl Trans Ltr (in dupl)  
2 pgs Assignment & Cvr (in dupl)  
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2 pgs Internl Srch Rpt  
15 pgs Spec, Claims, & Abstract  
5 pgs Drawings  
1 pg Declaration  
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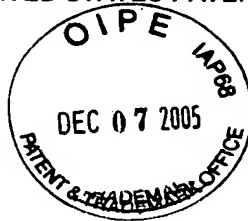
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**CONTINUING APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER RULE 1.53(b)  
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Date: October 24, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

☒ Continuation      ☐ Divisional      ☐ Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 09/791,644, filed February 26, 2001,

For (Title): MANIFOLD WITH INTEGRATED PIPE FOR A HEAT EXCHANGER

By (Inventors): Stéphane AVEQUIN and Carlos MARTINS

1. ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
  - ☒ a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
  - ☐ b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2. ☒ The filing fee based on entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment is calculated below:

**CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF  
ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED BELOW**

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	13 - 20	= 0
INDEP CLAIMS	1 - 3	= 0
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3. ☒ A Check in the amount of \$810.00 (\$770.00 for the filing fee and \$40.00 for the Assignment) is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0548.
4. ☒ 15 pages of Specification/Claims 1-13/Abstract are attached.
5. ☒ Drawings (5 Sheets; Figs. 1-17) are attached.
6. ☒ Priority of foreign application No. FR 00 02327 filed February 24, 2000 in FRANCE is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
7. ☒ The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 09/791,644 on February 26, 2001.
8. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to VALEO THERMIQUE MOTEUR recorded at Reel 011565, Frame 0679 on February 26, 2001.

9. ☒ An Assignment of the invention to VALEO THERMIQUE MOTEUR is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
10. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached along with Form PTO-1449.
11. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
12. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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